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Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D- 16th District) and Senate Majority Pass Legislation to Combat Housing Discrimination

Albany, NY- Senator Toby Ann Stavisky and the Senate Democratic Majority have passed major legislation to continue addressing housing discrimination across New York State. This legislative package was based upon the Senate Majority’s 97-page investigative report on fair housing and discrimination on Long Island which was released last month. That investigation was launched following the troubling expose *Long Island Divided*, which Newsday published in 2019.

“This legislative package helps to address the decades of damage caused by discriminatory practices,” **Senator Stavisky** said. “It is not enough for New York to simply condemn these actions, we need to recognize the lasting negative effects they have on many people and we must actively work to build more inclusion into our neighborhoods. Fighting for housing equality and deterring those who try to discriminate not only enriches our communities, but provides more people access to educational and employment opportunities they may not have otherwise have. I thank Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and my colleagues in the Senate Majority for passing this legislation.”

The bills advanced will implement fair housing practices, implicit bias training, and compensatory relief to victims of housing discrimination.